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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMY

The Indiana Committee on Governmental Economy provided for by the General Assembly of 1933 is engaged in a study of the administration of justice in the State of Indiana. It proposes to gather pertinent data upon the subject and to make recommendations for the improvement of the administration of justice in this state from the viewpoint of economy and efficiency. In general this project includes the reorganization of the courts, the selection of personnel, the improvement of administrative machinery and the improvement of police administration. The committee is anxious to receive suggestions from members of the Bar of the state upon those problems. Communications upon the subject should be addressed to R. Clyde White, Executive Secretary, 122 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Austin V. Clifford, Attorney, 941 Consolidated Building, Indianapolis, Indiana; or Dean Bernard C. Gavit, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana.

THE AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On December 29th last, in Chicago, an American Legal History Society was organized and its officers elected. The president of the new Society is Professor Joseph H. Beale of the Law School of Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.), and the secretary and treasurer is Professor Francis S. Philbrick of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia). The organization of the new Society resulted from the appointment in December, 1932, by Dean Charles E. Clark of Yale, then President of the Association of American Law Schools, of a committee which was empowered by the Association to create an organization to further the study of American legal history. Professor Beale was the chairman of that committee, and Dean Clark was himself later made the chairman of a committee on

organization (consisting of twenty-one representative legal and historical scholars) to which was entrusted the preparation of the new Society's by-laws and the nomination of its first officers.

The objects of the new Society are thus stated in its by-laws:

"The purpose of the Society shall be to encourage the study and advance the knowledge of the history of American law by locating, inventorying, making available, and promoting the scholarly editing and publication of important source materials; by reporting upon the progress which is made from year to year in the discovery and editing of source materials; and by encouraging monographic research and publication."

The plans of the new Society include the early establishment of a Journal of Legal History, and publication of a series of volumes of legal records.

As respects archives, undertakings are already in progress which give promise of very rapidly advancing the plans of the Society throughout the country, without expense to it. Beginnings have been made in the preparation of bibliographies of legal history in two states. Other, though minor, tasks require a prompt increase of the Society's funds. Success in its undertakings will be facilitated in proportion as it can broaden and intensify among practicing lawyers, everywhere, interest in its purposes as above declared. Any person may join the Society, the dues for ordinary membership being \$2.00; for a sustaining membership, \$10.00. It is hoped that many who apply for membership may offer suggestions of work which they think should be initiated in their respective states.